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SUBJ: POUILLAIN AFFAIR CAUSES FDP DEMAND FOR RESHUFFLING NRW
GOVERNMENT

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1. DEVELOPMENTS IN THE POUILLAIN AFFAIR HAVE CAUSED
THE FDP FACTION IN THE NORTHRHINE-WESTPHALIAN (NRW)
LAND GOVERNMENT TO DEMAND CHANGES IN THE NRW LAND
GOVERNMENT; AT LEAST IMMEDIATE RESIGNATION OR
DISMISSAL OF FINANCE MINISTER HALSTENBERG (SPD) IS
DEMANDED. ALLEDGEDLY A NARROW MAJORITY IN THE FACTION
WANTS TO OVERTHROW MINISTER PRESIDENT KUEHN (SPD)
SHOULD HE FAIL TO DISMISS HALSTENBERG AND TO REPLACE
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HIM UNTIL 1980 EITHER WITH SCIENCE MINISTER JOHANNES
RAU OR JUSTICE MINISTER DR. DIETHER POSSER, BOTH SPD.

2. A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN KUEHN AND
HALSTENBERG BY THE SPD FACTION ON JANUARY 17 HAS
BROUGHT THE MATTER TO A NEW CLIMAX. THE LEADERSHIP
OF THE SPD AND FDP HAVE BEEN MEETING WITH KUEHN AND

THE SITUATION IS HIGHLY FLUID. REPORTEDLY BOTH
SPD CHAIRMAN WILLY BRANDT AND FDP CHAIRMAN
HANS-DIETRICH GENSCHER ARE VERY BUSY TO SMOOTH THE
WAVES IN DUESSELDORF.

3. MEANWHILE THE BOARD OF THE WESTDEUTSCHE LANDESBANK
DECIDED TO DISMISS POUILLAIN FOR CAUSE, RETROACTIVE
TO DECEMBER 23. DUX

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